

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/856,390

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final amendment received from the applicant on June 1, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 56-68.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons for Allowance

1. An after-final amendment was received from the applicant on June 1, 2006.
2. Claims 1-55 have been canceled.
3. Claims 56-68 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The device for holding a boat speedometer log transmitter in a boat hull as claimed is not shown or suggested in the prior art because of the use of a device that is comprised of a sleeve body that is fixed in a hole in said boat hull and has a longitudinal center opening, a head part that is coupled to said sleeve body and has a center opening, and a blocking slide or element for blocking and opening said longitudinal center opening and said center opening during removal and insertion of a log transmitter, where said head part is further comprised of a recess, a sliding ring that is disposed in said recess, a plane ring body that is disposed below said sliding ring, and a first sealing ring, or said blocking element has a passage and is capable of swiveling between a first position in which said passage corresponds with said longitudinal center opening and said center opening, and a second position where said blocking element blocks both of said openings.
5. The prior art as disclosed by Lagace et al. (US 5,186,050) shows the use of a cylinder having a sleeve body and a head part, said sleeve body having an elongate center opening, and said head part having a center opening, where said sleeve extends through a hull, and a blocking element is provided to block said openings when a log

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transmitter is not inserted in said sleeve body. Newell (US 2,362,298) discloses a device that is comprised of a sleeve body with an elongated circular opening and a head part with a center opening, where said device can hold a log transmitter, and said openings can be blocked by a valve. However, none of the prior art cited shows or suggests the use of a device for holding a boat speedometer log transmitter in a boat hull, said device being comprised of a sleeve body that is fixed in a hole in said boat hull and has a longitudinal center opening, a head part that is coupled to said sleeve body and has a center opening, and a blocking slide or element for blocking and opening said longitudinal center opening and said center opening during removal and insertion of a log transmitter, where said head part is further comprised of a recess, a sliding ring that is disposed in said recess, a plane ring body that is disposed below said sliding ring, and a first sealing ring, or said blocking element has a passage and is capable of swiveling between a first position in which said passage corresponds with said longitudinal center opening and said center opening, and a second position where said blocking element blocks both of said openings.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Lars Olson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6685.

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LARS A. OLSON  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lars Olson".

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